

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (Original) A method for locating an object utilizing inverse multilateration, the method comprising:

receiving signal pulses from a transmitting object at a mobile detection device;

calculating a slant range between the transmitting object and the mobile detection device;

calculating a position vector of the transmitting object based at least in part on the slant range.

Claim 2 (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the calculation of the position vector of the transmitting object further comprises computing $\bar{v}_i = (A_i^T Q^{-1} A_i)^{-1} A_i^T Q^{-1} \cdot b_i$.

Claim 3 (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the calculation of a slant range further comprises use of time of arrival data.

Claim 4 (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein a known distribution of noise is added to the time of arrival data.

Claim 5 (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein receiving signals pulses from a transmitting object further comprises computing the repetition time between adjacent pulses.

Claim 6 (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the signal pulses are transmitted from a fixed object and the mobile detection device is airborne.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) A system for locating an object utilizing inverse multilateration, the method system comprising:

a receiver for receiving signal pulses from a transmitting object at a mobile detection device;

a calculator for calculating a slant range between the transmitting object and the mobile detection device; and

a position vector calculator for calculating a position vector of the transmitting object based at least in part on the slant range.